



This pattern explains how to make the Ada top in size XS-5X. The pattern is written for advanced beginners (you just need to know the basics) and uses US terminology.

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1. information

yarn needed (see also section 2. determining the size)

- **yarn type:** I used Katia Capri which is yarn weight 2 (Fine/4ply), but is also possible to use weight 3 yarn (8ply/DK/Light Worsted), just make sure your gauge is right.
- **yarn amount:** I used 3 different colours, here I give the approximate amount of balls that you'll need for each size (1 ball = 50 g/125 m/137 yds). If you're making the longest version of the top, you might need an extra ball of each colour.
 - o size 1A*/1A: 3 balls of each colour
 - o size 1B/1C: 4 balls of each colour
 - o size 1C: 5 balls of each colour
 - o size 2A: 6 balls of each colour
 - o size 2B: 7 balls of each colour

other materials needed

- crochet hooks (I used 3,5 mm, 4 mm, and 5 mm, but this depends on your gauge)
- tapestry needle to seam in the ends
- scissors
- tape measure
- 1 small button (with a diameter of approx. 1 cm/0,4 inch)

stitches, abbreviations and symbols used

- blo (back loop only)
- ch (chain)
- ch sp (chain space)
- hdc (half double crochet)
- dc (double crochet)
- sc (single crochet)
- slst (slip stitch)
- st (stitch)
- tc (triple crochet)
- yo (yarn over)
- * and ** (repeat from/until here)

2. determining the size

To know which size is best for you, determine your chest size (by measuring the fullest part of your chest) and have a look at the size chart on the next page to determine your size. If you're in between sizes, choose if you want to have a tighter fitting top (then size down) or a more relaxed fitting top (then size up).

chest measurement	size in this pattern	common size	crochet hook
65 – 75 cm 25,6 – 29,5 in	1A*	XS	3,5 mm
75 – 95 cm 29,5 – 37,4 in	1A	S/M	4 mm

95 – 115 cm <i>37,4 – 45,3 in</i>	1B	L/XL	4 mm
115 – 130 cm <i>45,3 – 51,2 in</i>	1C	2X	4 mm
130 – 150 cm <i>51,2 – 59,1 in</i>	2A	3X/4X	4 mm
150 – 170 cm <i>59,1 – 66,9 in</i>	2B	5X	4 mm

* if you're chest measurement is between 65-75 cm (25,6-29,5 in), you follow the instructions for size 1A, but you size down on your crochet hook.

Next, choose how long you want the top to be. You can choose between 3 different lengths: length S (short), length M (medium) and length L (long). The chart below shows the actual length of the top in each size, **excluding the ribbing** on the waistline. This is because you can customize the length of the ribbing. So keep this in mind when choosing the length.

For example: I made the top in size 1A, length S. My waistline ribbing is 5 cm long. So in total, my top is 40 cm from shoulder to waist (35 + 5 = 40).

size	length S	length M	length L
1A*	32,5 cm <i>12,8 in</i>	39 cm <i>15,4 in</i>	45,5 cm <i>17,9 in</i>
1A/2A	35 cm <i>13,8 in</i>	42 cm <i>16,5 in</i>	49 cm <i>19,3 in</i>
1B/2B	37,5 cm <i>14,8 in</i>	45 cm <i>17,7 in</i>	52,5 cm <i>20,7 in</i>
1C	40 cm <i>15,7 in</i>	48 cm <i>18,9 in</i>	56 cm <i>22 in</i>

3. choosing the colours



You'll need 3 different colours; the pattern refers to these as colour A, B, and C.

In the photos used in this pattern,
 colour A = white
 colour B = yellow
 colour C = green

4. making the lanterns

some important notes on the lanterns:

- read the pattern horizontally (so by row, not by column)
- you want your Ada top to have a nice stretch, so don't make your stitches too tight!
- to be sure your gauge is right, start with the crochet hook that corresponds with your size in the size chart (3,5 mm for size 1A*, 4 mm for the other sizes) and measure the first lantern you finish. Measure the length from peak to peak and the width from side to side.
 - **size 1A***: the lanterns should be 13 x 8 cm / 5,1 x 3,1 in.
 - **size 1A/2A**: the lanterns should be 14 x 9 cm / 5,5 x 3,5 in.
 - **size 1B/2B**: you add 1 extra row, so the lanterns should be 15 x 10 cm / 5,9 x 3,9 in.
 - **size 1C**: you add 2 extra rows, so the lanterns should be 16 x 11 cm / 6,3 x 4,3 in.

If your lantern is too small, start over using a bigger hook. If it is too large, start over with a smaller hook. It's okay if the lanterns don't have the exact measurements mentioned here, but make sure you're using the hook that gives you the best result.

- I highly recommend to weave in the ends after you finish each lantern (instead of doing them all at the end) because weaving in a 1.000 loose ends when you finish the top is not fun

4.1. motif: normal lantern

Check the chart below to see how many of these you need and in what colour order.

Note: colour order A – B – C means that the 1st colour you use for the lantern is A, the 2nd is B and the 3rd is C. So then row 0 and 1 are in colour A, row 2 is colour B, and row 3-6 are in colour C.

size	length	A – B – C	B – A – C	A – C – B	C – A – B
1A*/1A/1B/1C	S	6	6	2	2
	M	6	6	6	6
	L	10	10	6	6
2A/2B	S	8	10	6	6
	M	8	10	12	12
	L	14	16	12	12



row 0: start with the 1st colour, ch4



join with a slst in the 1st chain to make a loop

(I don't recommend using a magic ring in this pattern)



row 1: ch3, 2dc in the loop



ch2, 3dc in the loop



repeat * 4 more times



ch2, join with a slst to the top ch of the ch3, fasten off



row 2: attach 2nd colour in a ch sp, ch3



2dc in the same ch sp, ch2, 3dc in the same ch sp



in the next ch sp: 3dc, ch2, 3dc



repeat * 4 more times, join with a slst to the top ch of the ch3, fasten off



row 3: attach 3rd colour in the space between 2 ch sp (see photo), ch3, 2dc in the same space



in the next ch sp, we make one of the 'peaks' of the granny lantern

start with 3dc, ch6



dc in the 4th ch from the hook, dc in the next 2ch, 3dc in the same chain space



in the next 5 spaces: 3dc, 6dc, 3dc, 6dc, 3dc



in the next ch sp, make the other peak



in the next 4 spaces: 3dc, 6dc, 3dc, 6dc

join with a slst in the top ch of the ch3, do NOT fasten off



row 4: ch1, sc in each st all around, also sc in the stitches on the right side of the peaks (both loops), in the top of the peaks you make 3sc in the ch sp



at the end, skip the last st which looks very tiny and join with a ss in the ch1

size 1A*/1A/2A: fasten off, then skip to section 4.2.



size 1B/2B: add 1 extra row of sc, increasing at the top of the peaks (see next photo)

size 1C: add 2 more rows of sc, increasing at the top of the peaks (see next photo)



to increase: in the middle st of the peaks, make 3sc

when you're done, join with a slst and fasten off

4.2. motif variation: longer lantern

Check the chart below to see how many of these you need and in what colour order.

size	length	A – B – C	B – A – C
1A*/1A/1B/1C	S/M/L	1	2
2A/2B	S/M/L	1	-



row 0-2: like normal

row 3: finish row 3 like normal until you reach the ch sp for the 2nd peak



3dc, **chg** (instead of ch6)



dc in the 4th ch from the hook, dc in the remaining 5ch, 3dc in the same ch sp



finish the rest of row 3 like normal

row 4-6: like normal (make the same amount of rows as you did for the normal lanterns)

4.3. motif variation: shorter lantern

Check the chart below to see how many of these you need and in what colour order.

size	length	A – B – C	A – C – B	C – A – B
1A*/1A/1B/1C	S/M/L	1	4	4
2A/2B	S/M/L	1	2	2



row 0-2: like normal

row 3: finish row 3 like normal until you reach the space for the 2nd peak



in that chain space, work: 3dc, ch2, 3dc



finish the rest of row 3 like normal

row 4: like normal, on the short side you make 2sc in the ch sp

row 5-6: like normal. but don't increase on the short side (make the same amount of rows as you did for the normal lanterns)

4.4. motif variation: horizontal half lantern

Check the chart below to see how many of these you need and in what colour order.

size	length	A – B – C	B – A – C	A – C – B	C – A – B
1A*/1A/1B/1C	S	-	-	4	4
	M	4	4	-	-
	L	-	-	4	4
2A/2B	S	-	-	8	8
	M	6	6	2	2
	L	-	-	8	8



row 0: start with 1st colour, ch4, join with a slst in the 1st chain to make a loop



in the loop: ch3, dc, ch2, 3dc, ch2, 3dc, ch2, 2dc, fasten off



row 2: attach 2nd colour to the top ch of the ch3, ch4

(the picture shows ch3 but make sure to ch4)



3dc in the next ch sp, ch2, 3dc in the same ch sp



repeat * 2 more times, ch1, dc in the last st, fasten off



row 3: attach 3rd colour in the first ch sp, ch3



dc in the same ch s, 6dc in the next ch sp, 3dc in the next space



in the next ch sp, make a peak (normal length, so ch6)



3dc in the next space, 6dc in the next ch sp



2dc in the last ch sp, fasten off



row 4: attach 3rd colour to the 1st stitch, ch1, sc in each st across, fasten off

(this will make it easier to join the lanterns than if you do ch1 and turn)



size 1B/2B: add 1 more row of sc (don't forget to increase in the peak)

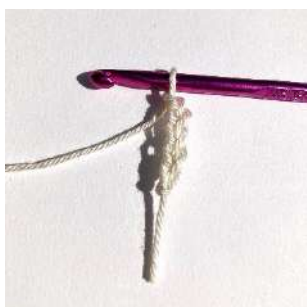
size 1C: add 2 more rows of sc (don't forget to increase in the peak)

4.5. motif variation: vertical half lanterns

These might look a bit weird, but I promise it will look all right in the end

Check the chart below to see how many of these you need and in what colour order.

size	length	A – B	C – B	A – C	B – C
1A*/1A/1B/1C	S/M/L	2	2	-	-
2A/2B	S/M/L	-	-	2	4



row 0: starting with 1st colour, ch5



join with a slst in the 1st ch to make a loop



row 1: ch4, 2dc in the loop



*ch2, 2dc in the loop



repeat * 2 more times



ch1, dc in the loop, fasten off



row 2: attach 2nd colour in the first ch sp, ch3, 2dc in the same ch sp



in the next 4 spaces: 6dc, 3dc, 6dc, 3dc, fasten off



row 3: attach 2nd colour to the first stitch, ch1, sc in each st across, fasten off

(this makes joining the lanterns easier than ch1 and turn)



size 1B/2B: add 1 more row of sc (no increase)

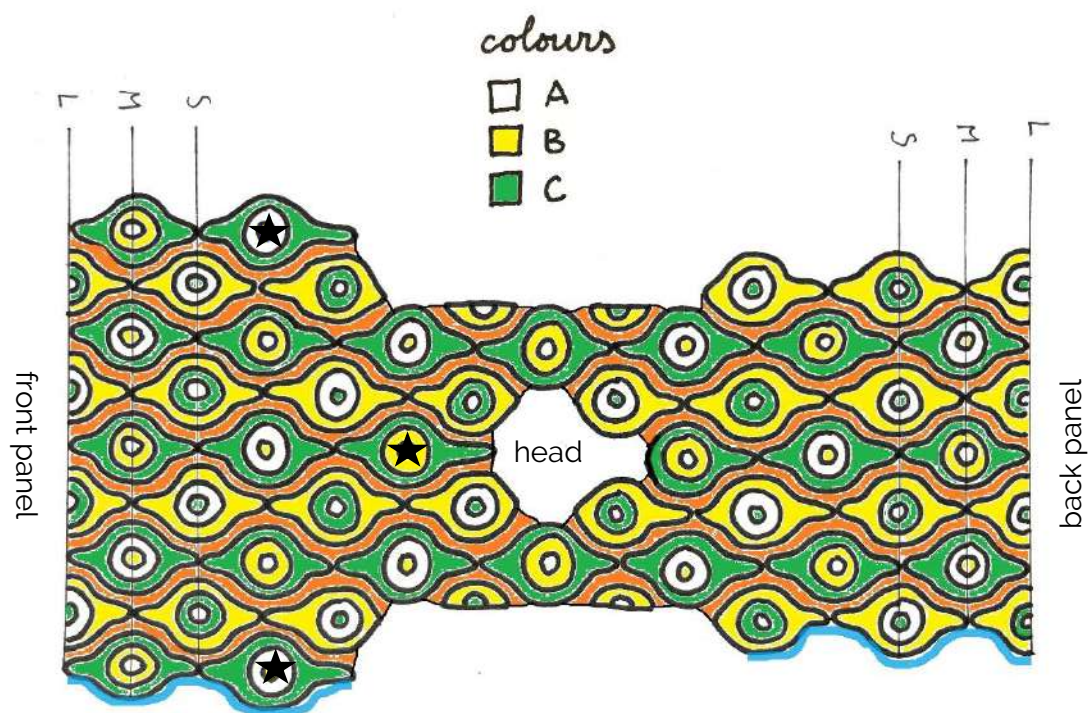
size 1C: add 2 more rows of sc (no increase)

5. joining the lanterns

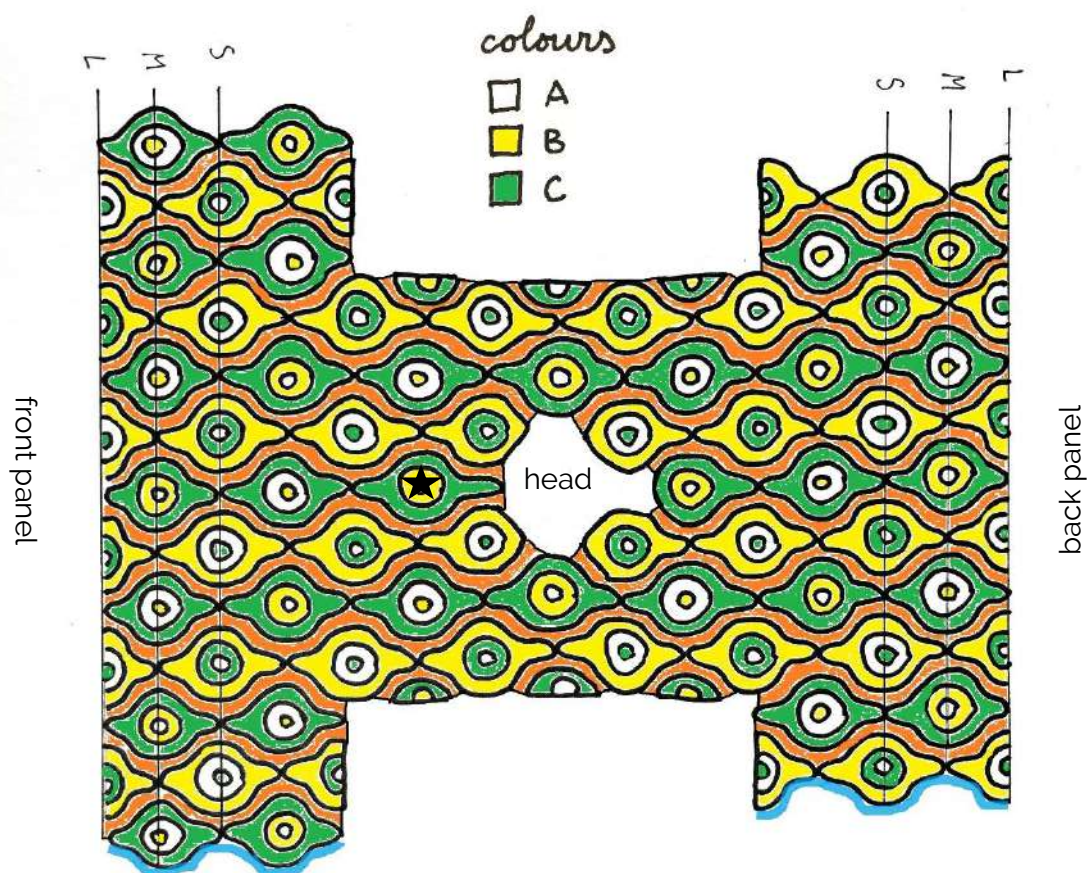
Now we're going to join the lanterns with 'joining rows' in colour A.

Use the line drawings on the next page when joining the lanterns (the first drawing is for size 1A*-1C and the second is for size 2A-2B). The 3 different length options are marked by lines (so for example, for length S, you join the lanterns until the lines marked with an S).

Below the drawings you'll find more instructions!



size 1A*/1A/1B/1C



size 2A/2B

In the drawings I've used the colour **orange** to point out the 'joining rows' between the lanterns (actually, these rows are made with colour A). As you can see, some of the rows are very long, others are very short (especially those that join the vertical half lanterns to the top). We're going to join the lanterns row by row, starting at the top of the drawings. So, start by taking out the lanterns for the first 2 rows (make sure you have the right types of lanterns; the longer lanterns are marked with a ★ to make them more recognisable) and place them in the right order with the right sides up.

In the instructions on the next page (on how to actually join the lanterns) I will sometimes refer to certain stitches as '**top stitch**' or '**centre stitch**'. I will first explain these terms.



each peak has 3 **top stitches**

it might look as if there are 4 top stitches, but the actual top stitches are the ones to the right (in the photo the hook is in the 3rd top stitch); for size 1B/1C/2B, the top stitches are the 3sc of the increase

when joining the lanterns, you will **never** work in the top stitches – so the peaks of the lanterns are not joined; this will look fine in the end (you can choose to join the peaks at the end but it's a lot of extra work and not really necessary)



the **centre stitch** is the stitch halfway the lantern

it may look as if there are 2 stitches in the centre: again, the actual centre stitch is the one to the right (in the photo, the hook is in the centre stitch)

when joining the lanterns, you will make an **extra** sc in the centre stitch, so 2 in total: 1 to join to the 1st lantern and 1 to join the 2nd lantern (don't worry if this doesn't make sense now, it will later)

Now you know everything you need to know to join the lanterns! The instructions on the next page show you how to do that. **Note:** the photos below show a row that starts with a horizontal half lantern and ends with one too. If your row starts with a short lantern instead, or with a vertical half lantern, you have to count back from the centre stitch to find the first stitch of the row. For the rows that end/start at the top of a shorter lantern: join the shorter lanterns until the first top st.

Note: the easiest way to join the lanterns is with a 'joining row' of sc, which is shown in the instructions below. However, you can also do it with rows of slip stitches, which is a bit more difficult, but looks very neat. To do that, insert your hook in the back loops only: first in the back loop of the first lantern (from top to bottom), then in the back loop of the second lantern (from top to bottom), and then make a slip stitch.



start on the right side (except when you're left handed), insert hook in the 1st st of the half lantern and the 1st st after the top stitches of the other lantern, so you have 4 loops on your hook



attach yarn here, pull up a loop and ch1



sc in the next st of both lanterns (both loops, so again, 4 loops on your hook) and the next stitches



make the last sc in the centre st + the last st before the top stitches (if these don't end up opposite each other, even it out by skipping or adding a st somewhere)



make another sc in the centre st + the 1st st after the top stitches of the next lantern



continue until you reach the next centre st + last st before the top st



join the next lantern here, in the same way as before (so by making another sc in that centre st + the first st after the top st of the next lantern)



continue until you reach the end of this row, fasten off



the sc tend to lean a little towards you; use your fingers to push them away from you



it will look much better then

now take the next lanterns for the next row and join them to this piece by making a new row of sc

When you've joined all your lanterns, fold the front panel over the back panel (wrong sides together) and join the blue lines (see the drawings), just like you did with the other rows. Repeat on the other side of the top.

6. adding the ribbing

In this last section we'll add the ribbing on the waist and the armholes, and the collar!

Note: the photos in this section are of the top in size 1A, so if you're making a different size, the photos will not always correspond with the written instructions.

6.1. making the ribbing for the waistline



we'll start by making a 'base row' of sc: turn your top so the waistline is facing up, attach yarn to the middle st of the lantern on the right side, ch1



make a row of sc all around the waistline, also make a sc in the 1st st of each 'joining row'

join with a slst to the ch1, do NOT fasten off



change to a hook that is 0.5 mm smaller (I use 3,5 mm), ch11 (this is to create a rib of 5 cm/2 in; add 2ch for 1 cm/0,4 in extra or skip 2ch for 1 cm/0,4 in less)



dc in 3rd ch from the hook



dc in each remaining ch (if you chained 11, the total is 10dc; the first 2ch from the hook that you skip counts as the 1st dc!)



*skip 1 st (not the st where the rib starts but the next one), slst in the next 3 stitches



dc in the first dc from the hook (both loops)



dc in the next 8 (if you chained 11) stitches (blo)



dc in the last st (both loops), this st might be a bit hard to see, but don't forget it!

note: make this dc quite loose



ch2, this counts as the 1st dc for the next row of the rib

note: make these quite loose to not lose the stretch of the rib!



dc in the next st and each remaining st (blo, except for the last one: both loops), repeat from * all the way around (make sure your stitch count stays the same!)



you'll end up either at the top or the bottom of your rib (here, the top), join with a row of slst on the inside (blo)

6.2. making the ribbing for the armholes

For size 2A and 2B, we first have to round the armholes before adding the ribbing (for the other sizes, the armholes already have a round shape). So if you're making size 2A or 2B, first take a look at the photo below.

size 2A/2B only:



this photo shows one of the corners of the armhole (each armhole has 2 corners)

I rounded this corner by making:
2sc, 2hdc, 2dc, 1tc, 2dc, 2hdc, 2sc
in colour C (but you can also use colour A or B if you prefer)
make sure you make the tc in the centre of the corner (the tc is marked in the photo)

do this for all corners, so 4 in total

armhole ribbing instructions for all sizes:



switch to the bigger hook again, start with one armhole and attach your yarn to a st in the middle of the armpit, ch1



start with a 'base row' of sc all the way around, also in the 1st stitches of the 'joining rows'



at the end, join with a slst to the ch1, switch to the smaller hook again, ch5 (this is for a rib of 2 cm/ 0,8 in; add 2ch for 1 cm/0,4 in extra)



make the rib in the same way as the waist (because you ch5 instead of 11, each row will have 4dc instead of 10), all the way around



you'll end up at the top or the bottom of your rib (here, at the bottom), join with a row of slip stitches on the inside (blo), fasten off



repeat for the other armhole

6.3. making the collar



switch to the bigger hook again, attach yarn to the 1st st of the 'joining row' right from the centre of the neckline on the back, ch1



sc in the st which is joined by that 1st st of the 'joining row' (for the waist and arm ribs, we skipped these stitches, but we need them now for more stretch!)



sc in each st across (don't forget to sc in the 1st st of the joining rows and the 2 stitches that are joined by this st), join with a slst in the ch1



turn your work so the neckline is facing towards you, slst to the next corner of the lantern on the left, change to the smaller hook again, ch12 (for a collar of 5 cm/2 in)



dc in 4th ch from the hook (this looks better than the 3rd), continue with the rib as before BUT instead of *skip 1 st*, *slst in the next 3 st*, just slst in the next 2 st (so no skipping)



continue until you reach the middle lantern on the front (if you end at the top of the rib, slst down to the base row)



slst to the other side of the middle lantern



ch12, continue the ribbing until you reach the middle lantern on the back (if you end at the top of the rib, slst down to the base row)



ch6, slst in the same st to make a loop (you can also ch more if your button is bigger), slst to the place where you started with the collar, fasten off



sew a button on the other side of the collar so you can close the collar like this



Note: instead of a button, you can also choose to make a bow, like one of my testers did (see photo). This looks very cute, also when you wear it on the front!

To do that: instead of making a loop for the button, chain the length you want the straps to be (make sure you have enough length to tie a bow), then make a row of slip stitches back to the base of the rib, slst to the other side of the collar, and make the other strap there.



Congrats, your Ada top is finished!